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Spontaneous Rupture of a Non Aneurysmal Atherosclerotic Superficial Femoral Artery: A Case Report

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Spontaneous rupture of a non aneurysmal atherosclerotic artery is very rare. We report the second case in the literature of a patient with spontaneous rupture of a non aneurysmal atherosclerotic superficial femoral artery. It has been described as a result of a penetrating atheromatous ulcer. Exclusion of arterial wall rupture is required. Open surgery and endovascular stent-graft placement has been successfully reported. Respective indications depend on anatomical considerations. We opted for open surgical treatment in preference to endovascular stent-graft placement.

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Balloon Occlusion of the Internal Carotid Artery: A Successful Trial Prior to Arterial Ligation/Excision for an Infected Carotid Patch

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Treatment options for an infected carotid patch can be challenging, ranging from revision operations to internal carotid artery ligation, which can be associated with a high stroke rate. We report the successful use of balloon test occlusion of the internal carotid artery in a 62-year-old male who presented with an infected Dacron patch following left carotid endarterectomy. He subsequently had an uneventful ligation/excision of the left carotid arteries and removal of the infected patch.

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Superior Mesenteric Artery Aneurysm in Behçet Syndrome

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Behçet's disease is a multisystem disorder characterized by recurrent orogenital ulcerations and uveitis. Vascular involvement can include both arteries and veins, with a preponderance of venous lesions. Aneurysm of superior mesenteric artery due to Behçet's

disease has been rarely reported. We report an unusual case of superior mesenteric artery aneurysm due to Behçet disease. Aneurysm resection and reimplantation of superior mesenteric artery was performed.

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An Unusual Cause of a "Double Pulse"

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We report an unusual cause of a dicrotic pulse that was detected in a patient with no underlying cardiac disease. We postulate that this was the result of elastic recoil from a huge abdominal aortic aneurysm. The palpable double pulsation of either a dicrotic pulse or pulsus bisferiens is evidence of significant cardiac disease but may be associated with other cardiovascular pathology.

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Extraspinal Ependymoma: An Unusual Cause of Deep Vein Thrombosis

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Introduction. Extrinsic compression of the iliac veins by neoplasms is a rare cause of deep vein thrombosis (DVT). We report a case of DVT heralding the presence of an unusual tumour, an extraspinal ependymoma.

Report. A 39 year old female presented with a left leg DVT, initially presumed to be idiopathic. However, subsequent investigations indicated by persisting symptoms revealed a rare pelvic tumour obstructing the left iliac vein.

Discussion. We review the current literature surrounding ilio-femoral thrombosis caused by extrinsic compression and venous stasis. To our knowledge, DVT caused by an extra-spinal ependymoma has not been reported in the past.

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